

WILL AID VERY MUCH

Generous Offer of Frank Wurzburg's Band.

WILL GIVE A CHARITY CONCERT

October 6 Set for the Affairs-The Charity Society Recommends and Endorses the Scheme.

October 6 has been set for a grand concert and ball to be given by Wurzburg's band in Lockport hall for the benefit of the destitute sick of the city. The use of this hall was to have cost \$25, but William A. H. Smith generously donated that expense, so that there will be absolutely no expense to the concert and the gross receipts will go to aid the poor of the city. Following is Mr. Wurzburg's offer and the Charity society's reply:

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 18, 1903.
DEAR SIR:—Never before in the history of Grand Rapids has an equal amount of suffering and destitution been known among the city's poor. Appeals for aid are coming in from the destitute, and from every quarter and the list of applicants is augmenting daily. Many deserving families heretofore able to live without assistance have been reduced to actual want, and unless some movement is inaugurated, having for its object the relief of the distressed, the number of the city's charges will be increased four fold and the suffering resulting from the absence of the necessities of life will be increased to an appalling extent. Temporary assistance at the time will keep the wolf from the door, but money will not solve the problem until a season of comparative prosperity sets in. In view of these circumstances I have decided to make a proposition which, if approved and carried into effect, will be the means of providing a substantial sum for the aid of the poor. Mr. Wurzburg's band, that Wurzburg's orchestra will give a grand promenade concert and ball in Lockport hall at an early date, the gross proceeds to go to the relief of the worthy poor. I have reason to know that you are an sympathetic and an active worker in behalf of the poor, and I feel confident that you will heartily co-operate with any feasible project for the relief of suffering humanity.

Yours with respect,
FRANK WURZBURG.
This letter was referred to T. D. Gilbert, president of the Charity society. He sent Mr. Wurzburg the following reply:
GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 18, 1903.—Mr. F. Wurzburg:—Dear Sir:—Mr. Rosenthal, the chairman of the executive committee of the Charity Organization society, has referred to me your kind letter offering a concert for the benefit of the poor of the city. The society very cheerfully accepts your generous offer, leaving for you to fix the date and suggesting that the venue be appropriated for the destitute sick, of whom we have many on our hands. Very respectfully,
THOMAS D. GILBERT.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The Art association will tender an informal reception to Mrs. Brannan of New York at their gallery in McManis block tomorrow evening. All art lovers are cordially invited. Mrs. Brannan is an enthusiastic worker on glass cloisonne and figure painting.

J. K. Johnston, proprietor of The Eagle, and his two oldest sons, returned yesterday from a week's visit to the world's fair. H. D. Lusk, senior proprietor of The New Livingstone, left last night for Chicago. Mrs. Irish accompanied him.

Speaking of \$5 hats, there are more "Yonkers" hats worn in Grand Rapids this season than any other style of the same price. "Yonkers" is the selling agent of the "Yonkers" and is doing a splendid business on them.

If you are making a change in your bank account take your deposits to the State Bank of Michigan. It has the largest capital of any savings institution in the state outside of Detroit.

J. P. Updegrave of New York, one of the leading tenor male voices of the country, is a guest in Mrs. A. B. Beckwith, the patroness of western sales men, is registered in Sweet's.

William C. Shepherd will address the gospel meeting in Good Temple hall, McManis block, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Dr. A. M. Webster will lead the devotional exercises.

A meeting will be held next Thursday, September 24, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. H. Foster, No. 355 Lyon street, to organize a Women's Christian Temperance union.

George De Haven returned yesterday from Milwaukee, where he had been attending the annual meeting of the National association of passenger and ticket agents.

At the Church of Christ this evening the Rev. W. J. Russell will begin a course of lectures to young people. Subject for first lecture: "Life's Purpose and Aim."

On Thursday, September 14, Miss Zoe Randall, formerly of this city, was married at Traverse City to W. A. Mang, the Rev. Mr. Northrup officiating.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Frank A. Rodgers and family will leave on the White city flyer tomorrow morning for a visit at the world's fair.

The funeral of Col. H. C. Groat will be held at the residence of Col. S. S. Patten, No. 58 Sheldon street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The C. A. W. M. road has established a new eating house in the Traverse City depot. It is the finest one on the line of the road.

Ex-Mayor A. S. Hubert and family of Big Rapids are spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bond, No. 50 Henry street.

Notwithstanding yesterday's unpropitious weather nearly 600 persons from this city went to Chicago.

The Rev. M. J. Budder, an evangelist, will speak at No. 13 Waterloo street mission tonight at 7:30.

The Russ, Spruille Russell, a former pastor, will preach in St. Mark's this morning and evening.

William Van Buren of Marquette, Iowa, is a guest of Dr. J. Dornick of North College avenue.

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